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Title: Need to conduct detailed study on Chickungunya disease in the country.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, the epidemic of chikungunya is continuing in Southern States, especially in the State of Kerala in spite of the measures taken by the State Government. Many deaths attributed to this disease have occurred. But the medical experts are denying the fact that these deaths are due to chikungunya. Even though they say that genetic changes might have occurred to the virus, no detailed study as to the cause of death has been conducted. In medical jurisprudence, medical autopsy is mandatory to confirm the cause of unnatural death. But no medical autopsy had been conducted in any of the chikungunya deaths. So I urge upon the Minister of Health to constitute a medical team particularly to look into the cause of death in chikungunya cases. Also Sir, the epidemic and its after affects in affected patients had resulted in loss of many working days. In spite of the measures taken by the State Government, it is not yet controlled.

So, I urge upon the Government to give special health package for the districts affected by this menace giving special emphasis on providing investigation facilities, permanent measures for surveillance and control of vectors, namely, mosquitoes and schemes for solid waste management.